

Daily Eagle

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There is some little compensation for turning resubmissionist. The democratic organs now refer to the WICHITA EAGLE as the leading republican paper of Kansas. —Emporia Republican.

Cert. And who disputes it?

The best thing that could strike Kansas in 1899, observes the Atchison Champion, is a farm land boom. Correct. And the way to get up such a boom is to bring people to the state who want homes where the best lands are to be found. The immigration movement is working on that line.

Kwansu, the young emperor of China, is 18 years old, and perhaps rules over more subjects than any other living potentate. He is described as a pious youth, with an exceedingly large head and a melancholy countenance. But he is not harassed by intriguing rivals and is likely to hold his job during his natural life.

The following Kansas meetings are booked according to the dates given: Farmer's institute, Sedan, January 2 and 3; Atchison teachers, Atchison, January 2 and 3; Kansas butter and cheese manufacturers, Junction City, January 3; Kansas swine breeders association, Topeka, January 10; State immigration convention, Wichita, January 13.

The Leavenworth Times editorially indorses the immigration movement and convention to be held in this city January 13, in that interest, and urges that city and county to join the movement. So has nearly all the leading papers of the state. Everybody seems to rightly estimate this as eminently the proper policy and line of action for the state to pursue at this time.

Baltimore has taken from New York in the last year one-fourth of the trade in export corn. At this rate in 1899 Baltimore would be the chief export city of the country. But the successful opening of a deep harbor on the Texan gulf coast will so change existing conditions as to shipments of bulky goods to the east as to make such gulf port the great exporting port for western products.

The railroad construction in the United States for the year 1899 has been 5,000 miles, which is but two-fifths of that of 1887, which was the largest on record. But from the constant wrangling and hubbub kept up between the various systems on account of the strong competition it would seem that the number of miles of new line added was quite enough for one year, for practical purposes.

The Jews are said to be rapidly increasing in numbers, wealth and influence in New York. Four new synagogues were recently opened within the space of ten days, and the city now has forty-seven of these places of worship, which is a larger number than can be found in any other city in the world. The Hebrew population has doubled in ten years. Some trades they almost entirely control.

According to a resident of the Argentine Republic, the good effects of the Pan-American congress are already being felt in that country. It doesn't take long for a good thing to penetrate from one half of the western hemisphere to the other. Thus far, however, it must be allowed that the good thing in this connection, and about the only good thing, has been the social entertainment of the attendants upon the congress.

It is generally supposed that the practice of exiling objectionable persons for many years past has been continued only by the Russian government, but such is not the case. Arabi Pasha, at one time the most conspicuous and potential figure in Egypt, is now an exile on the island of Ceylon, and is said to be fretting himself into an early old age. Although but forty-nine years old, he is gray and thin, and very much unlike the jovial fellow he was before he fell under British displeasure.

It cannot but strike the average reader of current events as at least remarkable that the east and south are exchanging positions on the tariff question. The original and greatest beneficiaries of the protective tariff system were the New manufacturers, while the south, which was wholly a consumer of manufactured articles and produced in the main only unprotected raw material, assiduously advocated free trade. But now the conditions have changed very materially and with them the sentiments and demands of the people of the two sections. At present the south has the argument and the logic of precedent on its side. It will be interesting to note the progress of the change.

Anthony Republican: The Wichita Eagle of Friday last was a screamer and no mistake. It contained, as many of our citizens can testify, one of the most pointed and truthful articles concerning the operations of trusts, combines, pools and avaricious corporations, as against the people, that we have read for many a day. The able editor sees, as many more of us do, that there must be a radical change brought about by the present congress, if the Republican party desires to retain the support of the masses. We would not give a nickel for Ben Harrison's chances of re-election now, and if he and the present congress do not do something positive to relieve the terrible pressure now upon the people, both will go down in the same general wreck.

German papers assail Henry M. Stanley for reporting Emin Pasha's reluctance to leave his equatorial province, and intimate that Stanley's force reached the borders of that jurisdiction in a condition to require succor rather than to give it. This is nonsense. There is no doubt of Emin's natural desire to remain as long as possible in the region over which he had long benevolently ruled, or of the fact that he determined to leave only when convinced by hard fortune of the necessity for immediate action. It is equally clear that Stanley waited as long for Emin as prudence permitted. In view of these facts it is difficult to perceive any basis for the quarrel the German critics predict between Stanley and Emin. History will do justice to both, and the work to be done by Caucasian civilization in Africa is too arduous and pressing to permit the wasting of time in unseemly contentions.

ON THE LIST.

Another combine, and one of the worst in the country today is that of the express companies and it is one of the things the rebellious will handle without gloves. Under this combine Kansas merchants pay a rate on the small class of goods from Chicago eleven times greater than by freight.

MISTAKING THE TARGET.

Douglas county farmers propose to run a boycott on what they denominate the dressed beef combine, which means of course the meat packers. The EAGLE has no inclination to defend any body or any combination that undertakes to oppress their fellowmen, whether in depressing the price of farm products as they come from the producers' hands, or augmenting the price of food articles to the consumers; but it strikes us that this boycotting business is very much like a cut-off-your-nose-to-spite-your-face policy. If the packers should combine and play the same game on the producers and refuse to buy or handle their stock the latter would unavoidably be in a worse fix than ever. The margin between the price of live stock and dressed meat at retail is not fixed by the packers, as has been repeatedly and clearly proven, but by the local retailers' combine. The packers sell the dressed meats at an advance of half a cent to a cent a pound above the price of the animal on foot, but the retailer doubles up the price to the consumer.

If to boycott is the only remedy for the evil that the farmers complain of as to the live stock and dressed meat question, they would get at it more directly by placing the clamp on the nearest object to them, although the effect upon the other would be indirectly the same. There is this difference in the relative effect: The consumer can compel the retailer to sell for less profit and at a lower price, if that is the object sought to be accomplished, by refusing to buy at the high price, while the packer cannot bring him to terms, because the latter is a seller, not a buyer. Our sympathies are with the sufferers when their suffering is not the result of their own willful folly, and for that reason we regret to see them pursue a course calculated to aggregate rather than ameliorate their woes.

ANOTHER BOOM BREWING.

There are many unmistakable evidences that Kansas is just now on the eve of an era of growth and prosperity such as it has never enjoyed in its boomiest periods heretofore. The strongest arguement of this is that the entire state is alive to the necessity of united action and in perfect accord as to methods to be employed in helping along the desired conditions. Heretofore the towns have been the chief beneficiaries of lively times, but the farming community will get the first benefits of the coming accretions.

One who has not seen it can have no idea of the great crops the Kansas farms has produced this year. Corn cribs and granaries were long ago filled to overflowing. The farmers are piling the cars of corn into great stacks. A year ago the corn crop of Kansas 72,000,000 bushels; this year it is 276,000,000 bushels. The state has never known anything like it. The average yield will be from fifty to seventy-five bushels per acre. Careful estimates place the wheat crop this year at 90,000,000, against 36,000,000 a year ago. Prices are low, to be sure, but a farmer with something to sell, even if he has to sell it at a low price, is a deal better off than the farmer who has nothing to sell whether the price is high or low. If prices of farm produce are low, so are the prices of the things the farmer has to buy. A hundred bushels of corn will buy as good an overcoat today as it would buy when the price of corn was twice what it is now. The present crop has not fairly started for market yet. The railroads are swamped. Along the line of the Atchison road alone there are 8,000 car loads of Kansas corn waiting for the cars into which it is to be loaded.

A TARDY REJOINER.

Judge Foster, in his open letter on re-submission that appeared in the EAGLE several weeks ago, asked the anti-re submissionists if they were prepared to say that the average intelligence in Kansas is higher than in other states in the union. No one essayed to answer the query, for the reason, the Topeka Capital alleges, that where there is intelligence there is apt to be modesty. Taking the Capital's constructive answer in the affirmative for true—and we will not deny it here—that paper acknowledges itself devoid of the quality under discussion, or else it is a conspicuous exception to the rule set up by itself. Or it may be that the Capital made the reference alluded to as a bit of taffy to the teachers who were in convention in Topeka last week, when it declared that "the State Teachers association comes pretty near affording a direct reply to the judge's (Foster's) inquiry." We are not going to detract one iota from the high estimate placed upon the intelligence of Kansas teachers, nor say that they do not fairly represent the people of the state at large, but what arrested our attention is the circumstance that the Capital, which champions everything—and only (3)—what is good and ennobling and in every way superior, and condemns (3) everything the reverse—on occasions—should have permitted the judge's stricture (3) upon the state to go unchallenged and unrebuked for a month or more to be brought up in so compromising (to itself) a connection.

KANSAS LEADS ALL THE REST.

Henry Stanley Newman, evangelist and missionary from Leominster, England, has recently completed a tour of the west in the interest of his work and writes to Z. H. Powell, superintendent of evangelistic work for the Friends' conference in Kansas, giving his impressions of this state in particular and the inducements it offers to persons desiring homes in a new and progressive country. Following is the conclusion of the letter:

"I am more than ever convinced that there is a great future before Friends in this country. Your noble advocacy of anti-slavery in the past, and since then of whatever has promised the greatest good to the greatest number, has secured for you the confidence and favor of the best life of the people. Everywhere the door seems wide open for Friends to enter in. More than this,

the people are in many places eagerly entreating Friends to come and work among them and establish meetings. I have never before seen such a wide and open field for Friends anywhere in the world as in Kansas and Iowa. I find in all your meetings life and power. There are many new converts who have not long known much about Friends and need leading forward, but we find everywhere an earnest desire to follow the leadings of the spirit of God, to be faithful to Him, and to grow in grace. In conclusion, I must sincerely thank thee and thy helpers for all your excellent arrangements."

Sol. Miller says "no man is totally depraved," and for saying it the good Dr. Krohn accuses Sol. of being more charitable than orthodox. Isn't that rather an odd break for the good doctor? But maybe we don't fully understand his doxy.

THE OTHER SIDE OF EL RENO'S JAR.

To the Editor of the Eagle: While we appreciate the EAGLE's efforts to procure and give to its readers the news free and fresh, permit me to say that touching the progress and condition of some of the enterprising towns of Oklahoma wrong impressions sometimes go out from its columns. We read from a late daily that "the city council of El Reno has petitioned congress to pay no attention to the Oklahoma Homestead and Town company," and again, "That said town company sold largely of their lots to the people found them out but had many hundred yet unsold." As much as to say that said town company had been disposed.

Having resided in the community of El Reno the last two months and being acquainted with the movements of the city council, also having some acquaintance with several members of the company who organized and started the town I can say that the above items by no manner of means portrays their true position.

Then whence these reflections? They must have originated with a certain individual who had been employed by said town company for four or five months, was being paid a liberal salary for his services and some two months ago discharged. It seems he has taken it into his head and heart to lead a "discount" campaign against opposition to the town company and it would seem that these items are the venting of his spleen.

Now, while this gentleman is a member of the council, and has with him probably one more member, both of whom were elected to honor, it is a little more than because of the virtues of the candidates. The mayor and a large majority of the council are standing firm by the town company, and I, having witnessed an expression of the people on the subject, am satisfied they are well right solid for said company.

I am not fighting the battles of this town company, nor do I intend to bulldoze lot jumpers (for that is what this discordant element down there amounts to). The only two lots I own in the town are held down by improvement, hence are not jumpable. Furthermore, could this faction succeed in detaching the town company and bringing in El Reno as a government town site, it would be money in my pocket, as I should thereby escape my deferred payments on lots to the company, but while said company is dealing fair and using every influence they possess for the building up of the town, this is all I or any other reasonable citizen can ask.

ABOUT SECURING SETTLERS.

"Farmer" in Anthony Republican.

The suggestion in reference to calling a convention or meeting to discuss ways and means for encouraging immigration, is a very timely one, and seems to meet the approval of the people generally. Evidently, what is wanted in our country, is more people to develop our great natural resources. We have vast tracts of uncultivated land in south central Kansas, which can be bought at prices that would astonish the people of the over-crowded east. While unimproved land is cheap, those under a high state of cultivation can be had at a very reasonable rate. Our part of the state can no longer be classed as the half "crowded" west; but it stands foremost in the rank of enterprise, education and civilization. Few sections can boast of greater progress for the past ten years, of finer crops than those lately harvested; of richer soil, of a finer climate; of better railroad communications; of a better supply of water; of more beautiful cities or more fertile farms than the section in which we live. It is the duty of the people to spread these facts through the east. Such action would certainly result in producing a tide of home seekers, all bound for sunny southern Kansas. By all means let such a meeting be called to discuss this matter. The commissioners of the counties might do something to aid in this work. Our loan companies have an interest in selling lands which have fallen into their hands. Let them help. Why should not large land owners and real estate men all give some aid and encouragement? Then the railroads are all greatly interested in the rapid development of southern Kansas. Why should they not give aid in the form of excursion rates and by advertising. Let all our newspapers take the stand of the Republican upon this matter.

There is a strong effort being made to work up a big immigration from the eastern states to this grand state. The newspapers, as is usually the case in any important matter, are taking hold of the thing and working up such a feeling and unity of action as never before existed in the state. Since the first move was inaugurated, some ten days ago, nearly every wide-awake, progressive journal in Kansas has voluntarily joined hands and are putting forth untiring efforts in this direction. Let the good work proceed.—Sedgewick Pantagraph.

A state immigration convention will meet in Wichita January 13. Northern Kansas should be well represented at that convention. It has magnificent inducements to offer to all who are desirous of securing the best locations for homes and business in Kansas, and at the most reasonable rates.—Atchison Champion.

But Where Will They Lead?

From the K. C. Journal.

One hundred sixty-five Indiana ministers have signed a call for a conference of Prohibitionists in Indianapolis, to further the work of prohibition, without a third party organization. They have come to the conclusion that the third party movement is a detriment to the cause of temperance. We trust that the New York Voice will follow closely and report fully the proceedings of the Indiana organization.

It would be highly satisfactory to a few curious, to know whether the toasts at Judge Brewer's banquet are taken dry.

SUNFLOWER SHADOWINGS.

Seeds, Slips, Stems, Sprouts, Shoots and Silvers.

The burning embers in the Kansas fire place glow originally on stalks.

Senator Ingalls has the influenza. This is in the nature of a scoop in fashion on J. R. Ralph Burton.

Professor Blake has four days yet in which to verify his prediction of a cold and stormy December.

The newspapers are asking for a well authenticated case, where an exchange fund has sworn off.

The ex-judges of the Kansas supreme court are going to hold a reunion on January 7, 1899, at Topeka.

The Atchison Globe says: The holy and Christmas tree today looks very much like the fire cracker on the 5th of July.

Conterfelt \$20 gold pieces are in circulation in Atchison, but the gold solitaires is felt on the part of most of the citizens.

It is always the men who have made a failure of life that believe in fate; the successful, in inherent genius and personal ability.

An exchange says there is one redeeming feature about Kansas towns, we don't need street sweepers, as the wind attracts that.

Arkansas fire is talking of securing a tannery. The facilities in that direction at that place are at present confined to the public schools.

Topeka had a fog Friday morning. This was no doubt caused by a lowering of the temperature and the presence of the garulous educators.

Topeka Journal: The kind of climate we have in Kansas is shown by the fact that a local toy store sold 100 wagons for Christmas presents and only two sleds.

Will White says: "Some people are so interested in an exchange fund that they would ever become saints they would kick because the light from the halo was hard on their eyes."

The secretary of state, Wm. Higgins, was present with an exchange fund in the office Christmas. The only thing strange about this is that it wasn't the regulation cane.

"No man," says Sol Miller, "is totally depraved." He is suspected that Sol has received remittance from a subscriber who went to California three years in arrears.—Emporia Republican.

Cyrus J. Frey, a former Great Bend boy, has been appointed clerk of the court in Dakota. M. Frey represented Barton county in the legislature, and was postmaster at Great Bend.

Chicago News: Kansas is excited over a report that Senator Ingalls has been wearing a white shirt and necktie in Washington. As a combined statesman and barber pole his constituents are sure that Mr. Ingalls cannot fail to win fresh laurels at the capital.

Atchison Patriot: When a loving husband presents his gentle wife with a rocking chair or a pair of overshoes, or a new dress, it may be of great interest to the wife, but not to the general public. Therefore the Patriot refrains from publishing a list of family Christmas presents.

A man at Larned has recovered judgment against the German Insurance company for \$1,750 on account of malicious prosecution. He had his house insured and it burned down. The company claimed he set it on fire, and failing to prove their charge, the man brought suit as stated and won the charge.

Kansas City Star: While Kansas and other western states are preparing to organize societies of "grandsons of veterans" of the civil war, Vermont has a very large and flourishing society of "sons of the revolution."

The reflection that back in Vermont a man is not considered in the full flush and vigor of his manhood until he is 80 years old, will account for this remarkable difference.

Some of the Frisco engineers are getting a fair reputation for fast running. Love pulled out from Wichita with No. 3, five coaches well filled, a little late Christmas night, and landed the train safely at this point—104 miles, including eleven long stops, in just three hours.

The train perfectly gray with terror, and when the train stopped here and changed engines he heaved a long sigh of relief.—Neodesha Register.

The house has been proceeding under general parliamentary rules since its organization, no rules having been adopted. Congressman Anderson, of Kansas, is a great smoker, and has been indulging in the habit while occupying his seat on the floor. One of Speaker Reed's ambitions is to preserve tobacco in the house, and Anderson's cigars are a great help.

Before the speaker the speaker told the deputy sergeant-at-arms to ask Mr. Anderson to quit smoking while on the floor. The deputy did as requested, whereupon Mr. Anderson blew a cloud of smoke into the air and inquired, "What objection has the speaker to my smoking?"

"Why, it's against the rules," said the speaker, "and I tell the speaker that I make the point of order that this house has no rules, and I shall smoke where I please."

OKLAHOMA OUTLINES.

Stillwater will have a new bank January 1st.

Frisco isn't troubled with a brass band, but several of the girls ride horse back. The Kiawatcher News World is taking a whole week off on account of Christmas.

The election progressed quietly at Frisco, as there was but one candidate in the field.

They say "preaching" for "church" at Hennessy, but they still pray on both knees.

Nobis had a big Christmas feast on the eve, and some of the participants haven't shrunk any since.

December came into Oklahoma like a lamb, but it was very liable to go out like an angry boy.

Oklahoma may have a crow to pick with Indiana over the favors of President Harrison, and she might as well.

A barber at Hennessy promises to do good work or make no charges. Such a barber will give prosperity a close shave.

Society item from the Stillwater Standard: George Arge-ke-da, an Otse chief, was selling corn on the north side on Tuesday.

There is one thing favorable for having the influenza in Oklahoma. There is plenty of prairie, where you can go and hide yourself while the attack is on.

The Christian church is also making a little Christmas diversion. Look in several of the devout old ladies are inclined to think that God has His eye on Frisco.

If Harrison is so very considerate of the wishes of Oklahoma's citizens, it will not be necessary to nominate a personal or political friend of the president's to insure his appointment.

Lots of the women in Oklahoma would like to see a big immigration from the east, but they dream that they would have to undergo thunder and lightning, the whole year round.

The outer council recently voted on an appropriation to defray the expenses of removing a tapeworm from a paper citizen. The line was drawn on late-worms, however. They couldn't find anything about it in Blackstone.

W. J. McDonald, deputy marshal of the district of Kansas, who arrested Brown and Ford in the Neutral strip recently for murder, and brought them to Wichita for a little Christmas diversion. Look in eight prisoners near Frisco Wednesday, five of them charged with murder in the strip and three of theft of cattle.

The wonderful spring at Coddie is not a spring in the wilderness, but it is a spring in a country where there is a long stretch without water. A windmill and tank supply the Cheyenne school building, which stands in a striking contrast to the uninhabited country around it. A pipe leads out from the spring and the pure sparkling water falls into a small tank and is led away in troughs for the use of the animals.

The fame of this spring extends far and wide and many a thirsty traveler and caravan have been lured over the hot.

dusty trail beneath burning skies to reach these cool, life giving waters and the shade of the trees that grow along the banks of Coddie.

EXCHANGE SHOTS.

Strike a Sensitive Spot.

From the Brooklyn Times. Chicago women cried when Patti sang "The Last Rose of Summer" in the city's new auditorium. Anything about vanished glories or hapless ones strikes a sensitive spot in the Chicago heart since the pig stickers began moving to Kansas City and Wichita.

Meek Submission.

From the Denver Eagle. They drink but lemonade for the most part at Reno City, but when a man speaks softly about the resubmission movement up in Kansas they know what he wants.—Wichita Eagle.

It appears that Kansas is in favor of resubmission. But the people of Oklahoma are in favor of submission.

Early to Bed and Early to Rise.

From the Chicago Herald. This is an early-to-bed-and-early-to-rise administration. The president has a way of retiring to his room and then reading a good deal before falling asleep. Mr. Wanamaker thinks it wicked to stay up late at night. Old Governor Proctor, after the fashion of his kind up in Vermont, goes to bed as soon as candles are needed in order to save gas.

No, He's Gone to Texas.

From the Emporia Republican. They will meet, but they will miss him, there will be one vacant chair; they will gather in convention, but Marsh Murdock won't be there. In his cozy EAGLE's eyrie he may tune and fret and scowl, he may grumble at the party and at prohibition growl; he may talk of resubmission, he may urge the anti-slavery cause, he may make no whisky speeches—Murdock ain't quite that far gone.

All's Well That Ends Well.

From the Anthony Republican. Several weeks ago we published an article headed "Attention, Everybody," and which was intended to stir up some interest in the matter of inducing immigration to southern Kansas. Said article was copied by nearly all of our exchanges, including the EAGLE and Journal of Wichita, and several of the brethren made favorable comment touching the same. Now we notice that parties in Wichita have taken the plum away from the Republican—stolen our thunder—and are trying to work up a state organization of "sons of the revolution" in Wichita. We notice and we had in view is attained there will be no grumbling in this direction as to where the honor should rest.

Everybody Does It.

"I don't believe," said a New York clergyman the other day, "that any reporter is more keen for an item that he can write up than we of the cloth are for an incident or suggestion that will afford the subject matter for a discourse. We can get doctrine in plenty from our books, but it is from the people themselves that we take the sermons which most influence our hearers. I don't mean the sensational happenings of the day; these usually point out their own moral, and are, moreover, as a rule, of a sort which may be kept out of the pulpit. It is the little touches of nature, the continual sparks of humanity emitted in the friction of every day life, that we like to catch."

Some Biblical Facts and Figures.

From an Exchange. The Bible contains 3,566,480 letters, 773,476 words, 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, and sixty-six books. The word "and" occurs 46,277 times. The word "Lord" occurs 1,855 times. The word "reverend" occurs but once, which is in the ninth verse of the 11th Psalm. The middle verse is the eighth verse of the 118th Psalm. The twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Ezra contains all the letters of the alphabet except J. The nineteenth chapter of II Kings and the thirty-seventh chapter of Isaiah are alike. The longest verse is the ninth verse of the eighth chapter of Esther. The shortest verse is in the thirty-fifth verse of the eleventh chapter of St. John. There are no words or names of more than six syllables.

Married in a Twinkling.

From the Memphis Avalanche. Justice Blackwell is a hustler when the occasion warrants it. He had just adjourned court yesterday for the purpose of beating a man out of the cigars at poker when a couple entered who wished to get married. Their names were S. R. Patten and Dillie Connors, and they stood anxiously awaiting the performance of the ceremony. The man who wanted to shake for the cigars was in a hurry, and started to leave.

"Hold on a minute," called out the justice to the departing citizen, then turning to the candidates he fired the following questions at them: "Do you take this woman to be your wife?"

"I do," said Sam. "Do you take this man to be your husband?" "I reckon," said Dillie. "Then I pronounce you man and wife."

The ceremony occupied just two seconds by the watch, and the justice overlooked his friends at the bottom of the stairs, beat him out of the smokes, and was back in his office to collect his fee before the couple had sufficiently recovered to realize that they were married.

Salvation by Work.

The human race has been saved by having to work. It digged its way out of its primeval pit by work. When it discovered its nakedness and had to be clothed, it worked for its raiment; when it appreciated the responsibilities of fatherhood to be the feeding and rearing of the young, it worked under the impulse of an affection that was refined above the instincts of the brute. The relation of husband and wife was made possible and proper only by the willingness to work that might gather to it the necessities of existence and finally be adorned by the promptings of intellectual as well as physical wants. If Mother Eve is responsible for all this we lift our hat to her and offer the sincerest respect to her greatness. She did more for mankind than Adam and all of his male descendants.—San Francisco Alta.

Why They Were Not Done.

A daughter of the household was told to get some sweet potatoes and put them on to boil. She did as directed, but when the dinner hour arrived the sweet potatoes were not done. They were boiled still longer, and then were not done. They were then baked, with no better success. Finally the mother went to see how many such tubers she had. Going to the box where they were kept the mystery was solved when she found that her daughter had taken dahlia bulbs, which lay near the box, instead of the sweet potatoes. Probably the dahlia tubers will not sprout any better for having been boiled.—Georgetown (Mass.) Advocate.

Son of a Gun.

Teacher to new scholar:—What is your name, sonny?

Boy—Gunn.

"Give me your full name."

"John G. Gunn."

"What is the G for?"

"Geyser."

"What do you mean by that?"

"Well, all the boys call me Johnny Geyser Gunn, anyhow."—Texas Sittings

Boys Bicycle Woolen Hose

Just received, all wool, all sizes, only 25 cents. These outwear any other kind.

NEW YEAR'S PRESENTS.

Holiday Gifts.

Didn't you forget to buy that Black Silk Dress on Christmas? Don't you forget it for New Year's. Beautiful Point de Soie, Beautiful Armure Royals, Beautiful Faillie Francals. Either one of these brands will make a very acceptable gift.

A GENUINE BARGAIN!

A - Few - French - Novelty - Suits

Left from last week's sale. We want to close these all; out they must go. We make the price \$9.17; worth \$16 to \$18. Every suit a high novelty.

Beautiful Bric-a-Brac, Willow and Japanese ware must all be sold before 1899.

WE CUT THE PRICE IN TWO.

We cut the price in two on Plush Sacques, Wraps, Cloaks and children's Garments. You will require them soon this warm weather will not last always.

We Offer Great Inducements in Our Cloak Department.

We have made a 2x4 cut on all Remnants and Short Lengths of Dress Goods and Silks; look on the center counters